CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 18, 2022 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Waterfield, and Mayor Patino.

Councilmembers Escobedo and Soto were absent during roll call but teleconferenced and arrived, respectively, in time to join the Closed Session in the Conference Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. for Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code. Agency Representatives: City Manager Jason Stilwell. Employee Organizations: All bargaining units, unrepresented employees, managers, and executives.

INVOCATION
Pastor Scott Campbell of South Valley Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Cordero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Escobedo (via Zoom), Councilmember Soto, Councilmember Waterfield, and Mayor Patino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Interim Director of Public Works Brett Fulgoni, Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Chief Human Resources Officer Linda Le, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced that instructions were provided to the Agency Representative regarding the remaining bargaining units associated with the Closed Session item.

1 **PROCLAMATIONS**
There were no proclamations.

2 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
Written comment was received from Jacqueline MacNeil regarding former-City Librarian, Mary Housel.

Kyra Solis, Christina Hernandez, and Linda Ramirez wrote in support of Corazón del Pueblo Cultural and Creative Arts Center following recent vandalism on the property.

Lydia Marin wrote in opposition to changing the City's logo.

Paul Singh spoke about his enthusiasm for the City of Santa Maria.

Virginia Souza spoke about the accomplishments of former-City Librarian, Mary Housel, asked that the Landmark Committee remain separate from the Recreation & Parks Commission, and spoke in support of Corazón del Pueblo.

Suzanne Hajnik, Margaret Cooper, and Judy Garrett spoke of the accomplishments of former-City Librarian, Mary Housel.

Pedro Rodriguez spoke about a Bid Protest that will be coming before the City Council on February 15th.

Gary Hall and Andrea Mayfield spoke in favor of a rent stabilization ordinance for mobile home owners and asked that the item be placed on a future City Council Meeting agenda.

Cliff Solomon spoke of the accomplishments of former-City Librarian, Mary Housel, and in support of Corazón del Pueblo.

Sara Macdonald and Laura Selken spoke of the accomplishments of former-City Librarian, Mary Housel; requested a rent stabilization ordinance; and spoke in support of combatting hate crimes in the City such as the recent vandalism at Corazón del Pueblo.

Alex Espinoza-Kulick thanked the community for their support of Corazón del Pueblo following the recent vandalism and asked that City Leadership condemn violence and racial hatred.

Kathy Sharum spoke as a member of SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) expressing her concern over the recent vandalism at Corazón del Pueblo.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3G were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2022-04, 2022-05, and 2022-06. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings were waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 4, 2022.

Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Review staff's recommended response to the Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury Report entitled "Pensions in Santa Barbara County Require Vigilance," and authorize the Mayor to sign and transmit the City's response to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with a copy to the current impaneled Grand Jury, and to file a copy with the City Clerk's Office.

Action: Mayor was authorized to sign the proposed response to the Grand Jury, and directed its transmission to the Presiding Judge and Grand Jury.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

D. Adopt Resolutions:

1) Approving an updated wage and benefit package for the Non-Represented Management & Confidential (NMAC) Employees; and

2) Authorizing the establishment of an updated comprehensive Schematic Pay Schedule for full-time employees in accordance with CalPERS guidelines.

Action: Wage and benefit package for NMAC and the Schematic Pay Schedule were approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos. 2022-04 and 2022-05, respectively. 5-0.

E. Adopt a Resolution approving revisions to the Citywide Records Retention Schedule.

Action: Retention Schedule revisions were approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-06. 5-0.

F. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

4 PRESENTATIONS

A. **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROJECTS UPDATE.** The City Council received a presentation regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects and the actions being taken by the City to advance projects consistent with City Council ARPA strategic priorities. Assistant City Manager Hackleman gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: ARPA update received and staff was instructed to go forward with the list of projects as presented.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be February 1, 2022. Items on the agenda would include a retirement resolution for Senior Plans Examiner, Tom Jack and a presentation of the City Art Master Plan.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a Board Meeting with CommUnify.

Councilmembers Waterfield and Escobedo had no reportable items.

Councilmember Soto announced that January 22 would be the anniversary of the passage of Roe v. Wade and requested that a rent stabilization ordinance for mobile home parks be placed on a future agenda.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the CA Alliance of Local Electeds meeting; the SBCAG Broadband Ad-Hoc Committee meeting; the League of CA Cities 2022 Policy Committee Members orientation; and the MLK Celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.in memory of Joey De Anda, a firefighter from San Luis Obispo who passed away recently and who had made an impact on the community by his service over the years and helping to launch the Abel Maldonado Youth Center as one of its early youth ambassadors.

Approved at a regular meeting on February 1, 2022.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

2/1/2022

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria